MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Then, may I know from the member whether this is sufficient information for the Government to make investigations?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is not a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai, I am afraid that your question assumes too much of the tone of cross-examination and therefore I rule it out of order.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I submit it is not my idea. I am only asking supplementary questions.

PRESIDENT: It is distinct cross-examination and therefore an abuse of the right of questioning.

Meetings of the Public Library Committee.

25. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the Trivandrum Public Library, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule as regards the number of meetings to be held every year by the Trivandrum Public Library Committee;

(*b*) whether any meeting was held or summoned during the last three years (1100-1102) and, if so, how many;

(*c*) whether the Government have authorised the committee to transact business by circulation of papers; and

(*d*) whether the Government would fix the number of meetings which should be held every year?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The rule is that the committee shall meet at least twice a year and at such other times as the Honorary Secretary may find necessary for the transaction of business.

(*b*) Yes. Six meetings were held during the last three years.

(*c*) No. But it has been the long-standing practice in the Library to transact business by circulation of papers also.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Auctioning of a Road Poramboke at Oachira.

26. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken on the petitions sent in Edavam 1101, by the inhabitants of the *karas* around Oachira and by some of the owners of lands adjoining the public road at Oachira to the Dewan and the Chief Engineer complaining about the auctioning of the narrow strip of *poramboke* on the eastern side of the road at Oachira by the P. W. D. authorities, for the location of temporary shops during the month of Mithunam when the Oachira *Kali* and fairs take place?

(2) Are the Government aware that such occupation of the *poramboke* adjoining the road on one side and private compounds on the other causes great inconvenience and even danger to the public at large during the *Kali* and fairs, when large crowds of persons, animals and vehicles congregate at the place and considerable loss and legal damage to the owners of the adjoining lands by making their lands useless for the location of temporary shops?

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MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The petition presented to the Dewan was forwarded to the Chief Engineer, and that addressed to the Chief Engineer was forwarded to the Executive Engineer for report. From the report of the Chief Engineer it was seen that a small strip of road *poramboke* was leased out in auction to the traders for erecting sheds as a temporary measure during the Oachira *Kali* festival, leaving sufficient space on the road side for the convenience of the public.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): To part (2) of the question the Government give the answer in the negative. The question relates to the inconvenience caused to the public by the auctioning away of the poramboke land adjoining the road. May I know from the Government whether the decision of the Government in this matter is not based merely upon the reports of the gentlemen who form the offending parties themselves, namely the reports of the Executive Engineer and his subordinates?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No decision was passed by Government in this matter.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Did any other officer inspect the locality except the officers of the P. W. D.?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given there.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In view of the fact that the trouble to the people was caused by these officers themselves, will the Government be pleased to conduct an enquiry through any other officer?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no trouble caused to the public. On the other hand, the report to Government is that some convenience was afforded to the public. This can also be seen from the fact that trouble, if any, was caused to a registered holder of land.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there are enough of bits of land which can be used for the purpose of shops, belonging to Government as well as to the private people in the locality, without going in for the porambokes in the immediate vicinity of the road?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information of the Government is that no inconvenience was caused to the public. If the member wants to suggest that another place would be more convenient for erecting shops, he should address the local authorities first, and if they are remiss in accepting his proposal he might then move the Government.

Applications for lowering of age from Government Servants.

27. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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